

Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

Leaders react as government withdraws Suffolk LGR decision

The leaders of Babergh and Mid Suffolk district councils have given their reaction after the government announced the decision on local government reorganisation in Suffolk had been withdrawn.

Council ramps up action against derelict site owners

Mid Suffolk District Council has ramped up action against the landowners of a derelict site in Bramford in a bid to stamp out anti-social behaviour and to resurrect future redevelopment plans.

Funding unlocked for new multi-use games area for Stowmarket

Mid Suffolk District Council has stepped in to save plans for a new multi-use games area for youngsters in Stowmarket.

Council objects to changes to planning policies

Mid Suffolk District Council has accused the Government of eroding the ability of local communities to help shape the future development of their neighbourhoods.

Mid Suffolk funding summit: 21 October

In October, local voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups are being invited to attend one of two free funding summits to learn more about how our grant process works and how they can access crucial funding.

A flyer for the event is attached to this email.

Mid Suffolk Town and Parish Liaison meeting

A reminder that the town and parish liaison meeting will take place meeting will take place on Monday 19 October, 3-5pm at the Mix in Stowmarket. For more information or for any questions, [please contact our communities' team.](#)

Suffolk Food Summit to celebrate local produce

The Suffolk Food Summit is returning to the Food Museum in Stowmarket this November to celebrate local food and drink production and its impact on the region's economy.

Plans for free parking on market days in Stowmarket

Free parking has been agreed on market days in Stowmarket as part of a range of proposals to encourage more town centre visitors and tackle parking issues faced by residents and workers. Councillors voted to approve option 2 set out within the [meeting agenda.](#)

Community Emergency Plans

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council Leaders wrote to all town and parish councils earlier this month asking them to consider putting a plan in place or reviewing their current plan to make sure it's up to date.

Community projects receive cash boost

A community-run arts centre, recycling centre and village hall projects are all set to receive a share of more than £110k following the latest Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) awards by Mid Suffolk District Council.

Free classes to help older people improve their balance

Older people in Suffolk are being encouraged to take part in free exercise classes to help improve balance, fitness and flexibility.

Councils' e-bike partnership receives national recognition

A partnership between Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils and e-bike provider Eezybike has been shortlisted for two national awards, recognising the innovative work done in the districts to create active and sustainable travel options.

Award recognition for councils' building control team

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' Building Control team has been recognised with a number of top awards and one highly commended project at regional industry awards.

Council scheme puts local residents on the set of award-winning drama

A council-funded scheme led to "an opportunity not to missed" for some Suffolk residents – connecting them with opportunities to work behind-the-scenes for a range of film and tv productions, including award-winning hit Slow Horses.

Let's quit smoking together! Feel Good Suffolk gets behind national Stoptober campaign

Feel Good Suffolk is raising awareness of this year's Stoptober campaign and the support it offers for any smokers in the county who want to stop.